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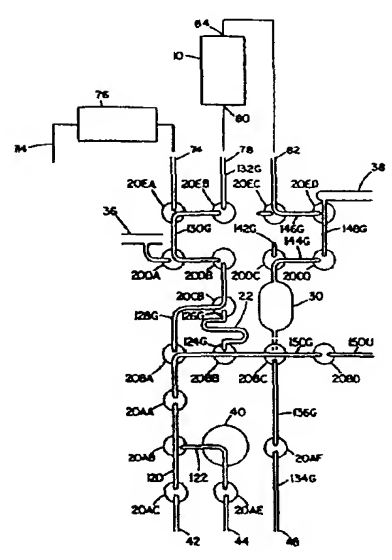
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⑤⑤ **Liquid handling system.**

⑤⑦ A liquid handling system useful in apparatus for analyzing biological liquid specimens or the like includes a plurality of sample metering chambers, a distribution manifold connected between a sample inlet port and the sample metering chambers, and a corresponding plurality of auxiliary liquid metering chambers connected to corresponding auxiliary liquid reservoirs. Liquids are flowed from the sample inlet port through the distribution manifold to the sample metering chambers and from auxiliary liquid reservoirs to the auxiliary liquid metering chambers under the influence of reduced pressures which are selectively connected to the flow network through an integrated valve array and reduced pressure manifolds.



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<p>(54) Title: MICROFLUIDIC STRUCTURE AND PROCESS FOR ITS MANUFACTURE</p> <div data-bbox="503 1260 1055 1512"> </div> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>A microfluidic structure comprises first and second substantially planar form-stable base layers (1, 2), and an intermediate spacing layer (3) of elastic material, said spacing layer (3) being recessed to define a microcavity or channel system (4) with at least one of said first and second base layers. The structure is produced by moulding the spacing layer, optionally applied to or integral with a first base layer (2), against a planar mould, and the microcavity or channel system is completed by applying a second base layer (1), and optionally said first base layer (2), to the spacing layer (3).</p>		


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